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Oil Shale Office
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May 28, 1982

Mr. Thomas Portle
Reclamation Soils
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Portle:

The White River Shale Corporation's Phase I Mining Permit Application for the White River Shale Project was reviewed by the Oil Shale Office (OSO). Although the proposed mine design is different, the basic mining plan concept is the same as that in the approved Detailed Development Plan.

The OSO has no problem with the decline shaft or the other mining changes since there is a minimal change in the overall land disturbance. We are currently awaiting more information on design of underground facilities before we act on it. However, we presently see no reason why the proposed mine design would not be approvable.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Rutledge
Deputy Minerals Manager
for Oil Shale

cc: James W. Godlove

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